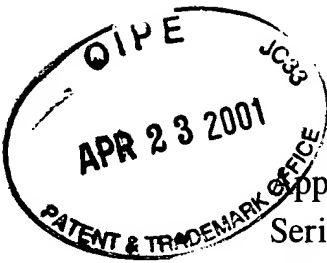


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 VISUALIZING DATA :

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 21, 2000

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In response to the Office Action mailed December 21, 2000,
 please amend this patent application as follows and reexamine the application
 in view of the amendments and remarks provided.

AMENDMENTS

The applicants request entry of the following amendments.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 11, and 15 with the following
 amended claims:

1. (Once Amended) A method for visualizing data arrays
 provided in the form of a plurality of data values, said method comprising the
 steps of:

generating a grid based on a plurality of data values;

associating each data value of the plurality of data values with one
 of a plurality of geometric shapes according to a predetermined set of rules;

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